

# THE CALGARY CALL

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## Town & District

Tom Brown who has been confined to bed for more than a week was able to get up Monday for the first time.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Wilson will spend Christmas at Wynne, Alberta, visit Mrs. Wilson's relatives.

Mrs. Hambroff of Bathurst, N.D., is a present visiting her daughter Mrs. N. A. Riddell. Mrs. Hambroff will be in Gleichen for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Murray will spend Christmas in Lethbridge at the home of the latter's mother. Later they will leave for a short holiday in the States.

The pleasant break in the cold spell of the past couple of weeks was a welcome change. The cold snap which had been unseasonable for this time of year.

Mrs. J. Young is at present in a Calgary hospital recovering from an operation which she underwent last Thursday morning.

Word has just been received from Vancouver that Denny Woods is wearing a hat. The information said that rain, snow and sleet had something to do with Denny sporting a sky piece.

## FROM THE FILES OF THE CALL

**TWENTY YEARS AGO**  
The I.O.O.F. have instituted a lodge at Milo initiated a large number of candidates. The following Odd-fellows were present from Gleichen: Daffo, J. Wright, Ostrander, Sather, G. Macdonald, Sandford, Brown, Greg, Daffo, Hunter, Clifford and Johnson.

J. E. Shearer, principal of the Arrowwood school gave a lecture to the Gleichen Canadian Olds last Thursday evening.

Mrs. J. A. Menard has been on the sick list for some time.

Miss Opal Desjardins has returned from Calgary after being on the sick list for last week.

Constante Beiste, of the A.P.F., with his wife and family arrived from Okotoks to take charge at Gleichen, vice Const. Vank.

Hugh Beise is back from the Edmonton university for the Christmas holidays. The university closed earlier than usual this year on account of scarce fuel.

Rev. Mr. Gilbey "has received a postcard from Mr. and Mrs. Sattermeier stating they arrived safely at his home in Switzerland. They had an enjoyable honeymoon trip by steamer to England from where they returned by plane to France and then fell in with Dr. and Mrs. Gary Barres, with whom they "done" Gay Pines.

Sydney Prowse has sold his farm, the "McArthur farm" to John E. Nicholas, and the Prowse brothers have purchased John E. Nicholas' farm. Mr. and Mrs. J. Fisher left Tuesday for Regina for a three week visit.

**FORTY YEARS AGO**  
Nearly every night the hotels are crowded to overflowing with farmers from the north country who are hauling grain and the three livestock shows are also crowded.

Mr. M. Bollinger says that he produced this year between one-third and a half more spuds on the adjoining land than last year.

Now don't tell anyone The Call said it, about a year hence an electrical power plant will be operating in Gleichen and train cars will be operating north, east, west and later south.

R. Hogg our enterprising blacksmith, has consumed a deal with D. McNeil for four lots adjoining The Call property on the west, including the residence now occupied by W. H. James.

J. McDonald has been duly appointed station agent here.

Mrs. Gibson has gone to visit her sister in Wilkie, Sask.

The ranchers are talking of giving another of their popular dances.

Mrs. Urech and Miss McArthur spent several days in Calgary visiting friends last week.

Dr. Faraharson has located at E. Griesbach's residence on Gleichen street, until the Larkin block is ready.

D. McNeil left Thursday for evening in his home in Vancouver, after being in town for the past two weeks. The McNeil residence is on the corner of Gleichen St. and High Ave.



## Happy New Year!

### Time Schedule Skating Rink

Below is the time schedule for the Gleichen skating rink season (1948-49) (subject to revision from time to time.)

General skating: Monday to Friday: 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Sundays: 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
Tuesdays: 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. unless here is a hockey game.

Note: If there is a hockey game Saturday afternoon or evening there will be no general skating on Saturday.

Hockey practices: Monday to Friday: 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (Juniors and Intermediates)

Saturdays: 9 a.m. to 12 noon.  
Teams must arrange with committee for practice hours.

Hockey games: Saturday afternoon and evening or by arrangement with committee.  
Committee: W. Sattermeier and R. Bick.

### SAUCE FOR THE SEASON

(By consumer section of marketing service department of agriculture.)  
The plainest food is "improved" by the right sauce, on the other hand, a luxury food may be spoiled if the sauce that accompanies it does not complement it.

Christmas fare, as well as every day food, needs some sauce. A smooth, brown, well-flavored gravy adds greatly to the enjoyment of the turkey and also makes it further, for potatoes and gravy will be enjoyed and second helpings called for.

A mild, lumpy gravy does not tempt anyone appetite.

The home maker who can make smooth sauce has the basis for dozens of delicious meat, vegetable and fish dishes. The addition of chopped, card-cooked eggs grated cheese, salted celery, chopped mushrooms, cooked carrots, a little finely sliced onion or a teaspoon of grated horseradish will make a variety of distinctive sauces.

The liquid may be varied. Tomato or other vegetable juice or meat broth are often used. The gourmet's sauce is merely a cream sauce in which the liquid is chicken broth instead of milk. Bismark sauce uses beef broth.

Custard sauce may have as great a variety of changes depending on the flavoring or the addition of chopped fruits. Her again there is variety if the liquid is part fruit juice of coffee.

The sweetening may also be varied to add flavor. Brown sugar, caramelized white sugar, maple syrup, honey or molasses has this effect.

The sauces should always suit the food on which it is served.

food on which it is served. Well-seasoned or acid sauces with delicate chicken complement bland foods while mild sauces may dress "or" extend highly flavored foods. Rich sauces enhance plain fruits or simple milk puddings but it is like guiding a fly to get whipped cream on already rich desserts.

The home economists of the consumer section Dominion department of Agriculture offer several recipes for sauces.

**HONEY MERINGUE**—Cooked: 1 cup honey, 2 egg whites, stiffly beaten, pinch of salt. Heat the honey to a rolling boil and continue boiling for one minute. The honey will thin somewhat and care must be taken to prevent it from scorching. Pour slowly in a thin stream into the egg whites, heating continuously until the mixture is fluffy and will hold its shape. Any desired flavoring may be added. Yields: One cup.

**FOAMY FRUIT SAUCE**: 1 egg white, 2 tablespoons sugar, pinch salt, half cup mashed fresh fruit or canned fruit, half teaspoon lemon juice.

Beat the egg white with quita stiff, but not dry. Gradually beat in the sugar, add salt and beat until the mixture will hold a peak. Then fold in fruit mixed with lemon juice. Chill and serve.

## Correspondence

Editor Call:  
If criticism of the local train mail service was read into my recent letter it certainly wasn't there. As between here and Calgary or for that matter, Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver we have excellent and adequate service. But if my courteous critic will examine the train to plan and plans to train connection at Calgary he will find that, except for the Far East, mail by plane doesn't help this area much.

As regards the Trans-Continental Highway it is true as some Calgarians have asserted (those who are willing to give the road to the south route) that there is only one small tiny settlement on the Big Bend but there is no doubt there will be more than that on the so far incomplete Princeton-Hope cut.

A. D. FRINGE.

The 122nd Light Anti-Aircraft Battery is starting its annual dance this year on Wednesday, December 23. For years they have staged their annual dances on New Year's Eve but this year would be a good idea to change the date since every place in the district holds a dance on the eve of New Year also the week from Christmas to New Year's was a holiday week dancing folk might be glad to have a mid week dance. The battery boys plan to have all the boys and girls and favors on hand with them to have a good time and celebrate as if it was New Year's Eve.

## Customs of The Season

Every year, on Christmas Eve, a bell (known as the Devil's Knell) is rung in Lewkay, Yorkshire, England. But for World War II, when it was rung twice only, the bell has been rung every year for 700 years. Legend says that the custom began in the 12th century by a local baron, who as penance for killing his servant gave a bell to the parish church and ordered that it should be rung every Christmas eve to remind him of his crime. In telling the bell once for every year since the birth of Christ, the final stroke being timed to ring exactly in the hour of midnight, local people believed that the devil would be kept away from the parish for the next 12 months.

Special carol services are held in churches all over England on Christmas eve, particularly in the north of England. In many places Nativity plays are based on the New Testament story of what happened in Bethlehem nearly 2000 years ago.

Christmas Day itself is a great home festival. Christmas dinner, with turkey and plum pudding, when available, is the traditional meal of the year. And in many places there are Christmas day customs which centre round the festive board. There is a custom known as the Boar's Head Feast.

The mythical origin of the feast is the story of a student of Queen's College who was attacked by a wild boar when he was studying Aristotle during a walk some 500 years ago. The book was his only means of defence so he thrust his sword down the animal's throat, exclaiming "Greece eat it. Unable to digest so the Greek boar died, and the student carried it home in triumph. From that time the Boar's Head became a main ceremonial Christmas dish in England and served on a gold or silver plate, surmounted by a crown wreathed with golden sprays of laurel and bay, mistle and rosemary. It was brought into the hall, heralded by trumpeters.

Another magnificent Christmas dish in those days was the peacock. Its skin stripped, its plumage retained, it was roasted. When it was cold slightly, its feathers were sewed on again, and its legs glued. Stuffed with spices, sweet herbs and the yolks of eggs, it was served with rich gravy. To the accompaniment of music it was carried into the dining hall by the most beautiful woman or one of the highest rank, followed by a bevy of lovely girls. Sometimes the gorgeous peacock was served in a pie, and over the plumaged crest which appeared above the crust, knights-errants wore they would undertake perilous enterprises during the coming year.

After dinner the guests, in their coloured, jewelled train, collected to play the old Christmas game of Soapstone. The game consisted of valises affixed with lighted brandy was passed round the company, and there was much display of skill and abundant merriment, as with their fingers, the guests drew the raisins from the burning brandy and put them in their noses, making a dragon-dish, sign of good cheer, and

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THE UNITED CHURCH SERVICES

Arrowwood 11 a.m. Sunday school service during sermon period.

Cluny: Sunday school 1 p.m. Service 2 p.m.

Gleichen Sunday school 11 a.m. Service 7:30 p.m.

A. D. Fringe, Minister.

A brief address and song singing of Christmas hymns and songs will constitute the service order at the United Church on Sunday, December 26th. The minister wishes their members and others who may be away for the holiday season much love and a family reunion in which they will participate.

Details are being worked out by a group of local ministers to observe the World Week of Prayer in churches in this general area in the week following New Year's Day beginning probably on Thursday, Monday, January 3rd. Repudicals of Jerusalem those who are concerned with world conditions and what to "do" their care.

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## OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY

## WINGS A CHAPS

"An Act Of Stealing Your Own Cattle."

HAZEL looked up with sudden fear. "A plane? In this region? She thrilled at the marvelous picture it made—skimming over the rugged, deep-hued Sierra Madre. It was coming toward her. In a minute it was dipping between those sturdy old pines. Tom and Bert.

It added a distinctly new note to the whole affair. Even with that well-learned self-possession and composure of hers a forbidding chill went over her. Did this mean—"The plane circled now, as if for a landing. If it did land it must be so on this mesa. Yet it was touching earth. The wheels bounced lightly and then rolled gracefully over the tuff ground. It taxied toward her, a white chaparral on the horse that snorted nervously at this agile, hitherto unseen monster.

Never moving her eyes she watched the person who jumped lightly from the cockpit. Her premonition had been right. It was Blaine, her neighbor on the ranch just across the river.

"Good day," he greeted with exaggerated politeness. She flushed as she caught the subtle note in it. Was he mocking her? As he had other times?

"Good day," she returned, just as polite. "So you are an aviator—if nothing else."

"Yes ... Even if I do seem such a ridiculous greenhorn as a rancher to you ... You see, I had my plane shipped here to me, as soon as I saw that I was going to like the scenery so well."

She flushed again. "New Mexico is far-famed for its scenery," she stammered. Mentally she was asking just why she had been so disdainful to him ever since he had come, when she didn't at all feel that way. Not for the world now would she let him see this. Yet, she had always felt a certain contempt for what she considered his tenderfoot ways. And when he had offered to help locate her cattle that were being systematically rustled—it was ridiculous. Why, not even the sheriff could find them.

"I see that you were out before daybreak this morning," he said. "She looked at him with a start. "What of it? I'm often up early." She examined him with a new interest. "And how did you happen to see me?"

"I was standing beside a cottonwood at the stream when you let your horse drink. I suppose you never noticed me. But I recognized your white goat-skin chaps. I wager there isn't a pair like them in the next five counties. They are most becoming."

She wheeled her horse. "Save your compliments," she flung back at him, and fled.

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and dig her heels into her horse's flanks. He watched her for the briefest time. Then he drew a revolver and deliberately fired. She pulled up her horse so short that only expert ability in the saddle kept her in it. Anger only wheeled it on his hind feet and the mount made a huge back toward him. Her gun leaped into her hand.

"What do you mean?" "Sorry! But I was afraid I could not attract your attention any other way ... I have something very important to tell you."

"You! Something important to tell me?"

"Just the same" impetuously, "I have."

"Well, what is it?" He glanced at her closely, walking up to Prince, her horse, and slipping his hand into the bridle. "Won't you tell me why you were out so early this morning?" he asked gently.

Something hot stung her lips, but she stammered out: "What business is that of yours?"

"Because I found out something. Has any new development occurred?"

"She bit her lip. "Well, yes, if you must know ... Twenty-eight more steers disappeared last night."

"You thought so? What do you think?"

"Connected with the disappearance? No? But I know where they are."

Her face went white. "What?"

"And also where the rest of the cattle from the Double X ranch are cached."

"How could you find that out?"

"Everyone around has tried."

"With Caesar, my plane ... There is a certain valley hidden in the Sierra Madre ... off the beaten trails, yet not so distant ... a practically valley oasis in a catalpa-lined area of peak and rock. Grass grows in it. There's a stream there, and also all the water from the Double X ranch. And you being mighty double X, I knew you'd be interested."

"You have no clues?"

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"And so you have been rustling your own cattle to save that much from the wreck, eh?"

"And why not?" she flamed. "They're mine by rights."

He laughed at her, quizzically. "A damsel in deep distress. And yet"

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**WORLD'S MOTOR LAWS**

One hundred and one nations require that motor vehicles be driven on the right side of the street, while 65 enforce a left-hand rule according to a review of the world's motor laws.

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By John Thomas Kieran

you spurred the written offer of my expert legal aid.

"You, a greenhorn," she spluttered. "And so self-assured. Why, just let me tell you I can outstep you."

"Yourself? Oh, no, you can't. And from now on I'm going to do it. You need it. For instance," he grinned, "remember that tempestuous note of refusal you wrote me on the back of an old envelope? In it was your lawyer's receipt."

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**Prize Fur-Bearing Animals Shown At Breeders' Show**



Grand sweepstakes champion for at the Alberta Fur Breeders' show, a platinum, shown by J. S. Thompson, Minnopolis, Alta.

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## Probably First Of Its Kind Shot In Saskatchewan

According to Roger Fournier, Connel Creek, Sask., this is probably the first eagle ever shot in Saskatchewan. It was caught in a trap in the west weighed 150 pounds and measured seven feet long. The hunter is the provincial museum at Regina.

## Pick President Truman's Election As Biggest News Story Of 1948

NEW YORK.—President Truman's election was the biggest news story of 1948 in the opinion of editors around the world. It appeared as the year's "ten biggest" on lists from every section of the world in the United Press annual survey of newsworthy events. It led many foreign lists. The struggle of Berlin and other developments in the European cold war rated high on all lists.

United Press executives in New York chose the year's ten biggest stories from the standpoint of Americans. Their unanimous choice for first place was Mr. Truman's victory over Gov. Thomas E. Dewey. This list follows:

1. Election of President Truman.
2. The Berlin airlift and the cold war in Europe.
3. The high cost of living.
4. Mrs. Kasenkina's escape from the Russian consulate.
5. Gandhi's assassination.
6. Death of Bess Ruth.
7. The Chinese Civil War.
8. U.S. spy investigations.
9. The founding of Israel and Bernia's assassination.
10. Princess Elizabeth's baby.

The UP asked editors of Tass, the Russian news agency, and of the Moscow newspaper, Pravda and Izvestia, to choose the 10 biggest stories. They replied that they were too busy. However, judging from the display in the Soviet press, the Russians considered the following the 10 biggest stories:

1. The Berlin airlift and the cold war in Europe.
2. Soviet-American relations in general.
3. Organization of the union of western powers.
4. The rift between Tito and the Cominform.
5. The Russian election.
6. The Communist coup in Czechoslovakia.
7. The rift between Tito and the Cominform.
8. Assassination of Bernadotte.
9. The struggle for Palestine and the founding of Israel.
10. The Chinese Civil War.

## Western Briefs

MOOSE JAW.—J. C. Stephen, Moose Jaw radio station, announced that an amateur emergency radio network has been formed in Saskatchewan by over 25 licensed amateur stations with outputs installed at various places in the province.

GRAND PRÉ.—A hanging ripe and yellow from a tangle plant in the window of a cafe in Grand River district municipality are two large lemons. What's more, a number of others are on their way to maturity.

ASHICOTT, B.C.—A new type of cowboy who rounds up cattle by air plane is appearing on interior British Columbia ranges. Ranchers say the air system is coming into general use, outgating the horseman in chase and a 10-gallon tank.

EDMONTON.—More than 2,000 new telephones were installed in Edmonton this year. "There are now 24,000 telephones in service in the city, compared with 25,500 a year ago."

SIFTON, Man.—Coyotes are on the increase in this area and are carrying off thousands of dollars worth of turkeys and chickens this year. Residents regret the loss of 180 turkeys; Stanley Sforzetta and Paul McDowd each lost 40; Walter Chervachuk ten and Johnny Foster lost 18 in one day. Steve Matkewich lost 150 chickens, while Andrew Boychuk and Jack Sathnick lost a large number of fowl.

## Prairies Blamed For B.C. Crimes

VANCOUVER.—Police blamed a "bad element" from the Prairies and Eastern Canada for a crime wave that has rocked Vancouver.

Criminal Investigation Bureau detectives are scoring underfoot haunts as the police step up the drive against crime, highlighted with 32 holdups during the last month. Few arrests have been made.

Officials said the influx of 400 young men a week from the Prairie Provinces and Eastern Canada, coupled with wholesale layoffs of single men from B.C. logging camps, has turned Canada's third largest city into a haven for criminals.

"The wave of crime can not be blamed entirely on unemployed men from other parts of the Dominion, but has definitely increased with the influx of criminals."

Meanwhile a National Employment Service official said despite repeated warnings that job seekers would find the influx is increasing at an alarming rate.

"Most of them are broke when they arrive," he said. "And that's where all the trouble starts."

Many of the men who would normally take jobs in the logging industry or other seasonal jobs have no money to get to the job.

"It's a crucial situation, but we are powerless to do anything about it," he said.

—By Chuck Thurston

## World Wheat Field Above Expectations

OTTAWA.—World wheat production for 1948 is even bigger than anticipated, largely due to improved crops in Europe, the bureau of statistics said.

The latest estimate places the world crop at 6,285,000 bushels, 35,000,000 bushels above the September forecast and 470,000,000 bushels over the estimate in the 1947 crop. The estimate is 15,000,000 bushels above the 1950-51 average.

Canada's 1948 crop was 393,500,000 bushels. Perhaps the "most significant" factor in the improvement, on a regional basis, is an indicated increase of 440,000,000 bushels over the 1947 crop in Europe.

However, the European wheat crop is still 127,000,000 bushels below the 1950-51 average.

On the other hand, production in some European countries, notably France and the United Kingdom, has exceeded the pre-war average.

Although import requirements for current needs have been reduced to some extent in many European countries, there still exist a need to build up depleted reserve stocks and to reduce high extraction rates.

Problems in the year in North America, South America and Oceania is down from last year, when all three regions were harvested.

In the United States and Australia, but total production is well above the 1925-30 average.

Latest estimate, with 1947 figures in brackets, follows: North America, 1,698,000,000 (1,718,000,000); South America, 245,000,000 (325,000,000); Europe, 4,485,000,000 (4,025,000,000); U.S.S.R. (Europe and Asia), 888,000,000 (1,485,000,000); Africa, 1,650,000,000 (1,517,000,000); Oceania, 150,000,000 (185,000,000); Total, 6,285,000,000 (5,810,000,000).

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Last weeks bouspiel was won by a rink skiped by H. James by a score of 39 points. His rink consisted of N. McMillan, W. Nunn and R. Erford. The rink skiped by W. Blaney took second place by a score of 38 points. Others on Blaney's rink were R. Burns, T. Kruse and E. Lougias.

Edgar Taylor, the school caretaker, entertained all the school boys and girls to a sleigh drive last Friday afternoon and evening. He engaged a couple of teams and sleighs from our red brothers over the trucks to do the job. After the sleigh ride all were entertained to refreshments at the Legion Hall. Judging by reports from the boys and girls they had a swell time and Edgar is tops.

Bob Haskayne, proprietor of the Pioneer Meat Market had the misfortune to have his smoke house destroyed by fire Saturday. Mr. Haskayne was smoking bacon at the time the fire broke out and he was hard at work in his meat shop when word was phoned him of the blaze. He hurried out to the scene which is about a mile west of town but was too late to save anything. He thinks the fire was caused by dripping fat from the bacon dropping on to the smouldering sawdust which caused the sawdust to burst in flame and set the bacon and building on fire. Mr. Haskayne says his loss will be about one hundred dollars worth of bacon besides the value of the small building. This smoke house was located about twenty feet from the slaughter house and it was very fortunate the fire did not spread. The new smoke house which will be erected right away will be well away from the slaughter house. It would be too bad to see this slaughter house since there are very few country ones as well equipped and besides several records were broken there and no body has ever come anywhere near equaling it. One time Bob bet a banker a huge sum that he could drive from town to the

slaughter house, kill a steer and dress it and be back in town in twenty five minutes. He was back in town in 10 minutes and some seconds and collected his bet.

OUR CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

If human nature is the combination of self-seeking, ambition and greed which some materialistic philosophers assert it is, if life is a contest in which all finer sentiments are subordinate to self-advancement and success at any price, how is that the spirit of Christmas has not only endured but grown in power during 2000 years? If the pessimists are right, it would seem that the light would have been extinguished long since and with it the spirit would have departed.

Were history and our daily lives not replete with evidences—noises evidences too—of the unselfishness of men's hearts; we might be impressed with the teachings of the world and the carplings of the mould. Christmas is the symbol and a celebration of love—love which is synonymous with charity and which our purest teaching tell us is the finest attribute of the soul. We, who during the past few weeks have watched the Yuletide preparations, are prepared to say

that they represent a beautiful manifestation of that attribute.

We have only to note the working girl taking home at night her parcels, contributions wrung from the dole of her necessities, in order that she may testify to her love and bring a measure of cheer to some child, or some relative, or some friend. Tired from her daily toil mayhap, but in her eyes that something which transcends all fatigue; transcends, in fact, everything else in the world and comparable only to that which shone from a mother's eyes upon the Babe of Bethlehem. In face of these and so many other manifestations which we are all witnessing during the season, what right has one of us to say that the Light of the World grows dimmer?

Our hearts tell us there is no dimming. Let us be thankful for the extra radiance of Christmas. Let us seek to carry it into our daily lives. Our wish is that this occasion, at least, will help us to forget our tribalisms and sorrows, our complaints and animosities, and that it will be to all a day of cheer and everything which Yuletide typifies. The words of Tiny Tim have never been improved upon and we here invoke them: "God bless us all."



Clyde Glenour, Vancouver newspaper man who has taken to the air, his common sense criticism of the ball rolling every Sunday at 9:30 p.m.



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